



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future Item for the City Council Meeting of July 29, 2014
Action Item for the City Council Meeting of August 12, 2014

DATE: July 22, 2014
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Application for a Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Planning Grant for the City of Corpus Christi/Nueces County LEPC Program year 2014-2015

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to submit a grant application in the amount of \$34,593.22 to the Texas Department of Public Safety, Governor's Division of Emergency Management, for FY 2015 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) grant program, phase II & III, to conduct a detailed hazardous materials vulnerability assessment to increase effectiveness in safely and efficiently handling hazardous materials accidents and incidents and to further enhance implementation of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to Know Act of 1986, with a hard match of \$6,918.64; and authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to apply for, accept, reject, alter or terminate the grant.

PURPOSE:

The data and analysis will be used to enhance emergency plans and response procedures for emergencies involving transportation of hazardous materials and fixed site storage.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Corpus Christi/Nueces County LEPC recently completed a Commodity Flow Study to assess hazardous materials transported throughout the County including our three hazardous materials highways (IH37, US77 and US181), major rail carriers and hundreds of miles of pipelines. The study yielded 400 facilities with approximately 2,500 stored chemical substances.

The proposed study will use the comprehensive commodity flow and facility data to complete a detailed risk analysis of at-risk transportation activities and industrial facilities throughout Nueces County and neighboring jurisdictions that may have an adverse impact on the public safety/health of Nueces County residents, visitors and its workforce. Phase I of the assessment is funded in totality in the proposed 2014-15 LEPC budget.

ALTERNATIVES:

If we don't apply and receive the grant, we will have limited information to prepare plans and train for hazardous material incidents.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

None

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Council approval of Resolution to submit grant application.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

This is a Non-Emergency, non-controversial item.

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Legal
Finance – Federal Grants and Office of Management and Budget

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Operating Revenue Capital X Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2013-2014	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				0
Encumbered / Expended Amount				0
This item	0		0	0
BALANCE	0	0	0	0

Fund(s):

Comments: The FY 2014-2015 proposed LEPC Budget can absorb the 20% match of \$6,918.64. The City of Corpus Christi/Nueces County LEPC had approved a motion to apply for this grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

Council approval of Resolution to submit grant application.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Grant Application
Resolution